



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

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Ward 2 – House Fire – 3000 Block of North Sycamore

April 30, 2009

Dispatch Time – 2227

On-Scene Time – 2232

Under Control – 2240

There were multiple calls to 9-1-1 reporting smoke and flames coming from a residence in the neighborhood. Firefighters arrived on scene to find smoke and flames coming from the back of one unit of a duplex and one person dead inside the home. Two dogs and one cat were taken outside by firefighters. One police officer and one firefighter were each bitten by the frightened Dalmation. The fire was extinguished eight minutes later by approximately 25 firefighters and 8 units. Two people, two dogs, and one cat lived in this home before the fire occurred.

Cause – Accidental

Origin - Kitchen

Damage estimate - \$20,000

Red Cross was not needed. The woman and her pets will be staying with family.

Fires spread very quickly, are very hot, and there is no visibility or time to escape.

Safety messages:

1. Never leave cooking materials unattended. Turn handles to pots and pans in, so hot items do not spill if bumped. If you notice a fire exit the home immediately and call 9-1-1.
2. Use fire extinguishers on small fires only. Most fire extinguishers are designed to extinguish fires similar to the size of a small trash can.
3. Have a working smoke detector and an escape plan. Practice that plan with two ways out of every room. Make sure everyone knows the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately and never going back inside for anything.

Calling 9-1-1 immediately allows firefighters to arrive quickly, search for possible victims, and extinguish the fire. The average response time for a house fire is 4 to 6 minutes.